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## 25X1 Embassy of the Soviet Union

In April 1952 the embassy of the Soviet Union in North Korea was in a valley one kilometer southeast of Tongbong-dong (125-43, 39-06) (YD-3531), and comprised two buildings, one having approximately 1,080 square feet of floor space and one, in the shape of an "L", having approximately 3,240 square feet of floor space. Both buildings had slate roofs. A North Korean army detachment guarded the compound.

## Embassies of Satellite Countries

- 2. In April the Polish, Hungarian, and Czechoslovakian embassies were at the southeastern end of a valley at Chaji-dong (125-51, 39-09) (YD-4637), and the Mongolian embassy and annexes of the Polish and one of the other embassies were at the south end of this valley. Pine, chestnut, and cherry trees were on the hills surrounding this valley. A shallow stream, about 2 meters wide and dammed to provide three ponds, ran through the valley. The largest pond, approximately 40 meters long, was in the center of the valley. A second pond, 7 meters in diameter, was 10 meters south of the large pond, and a third pond, with a small island, was about 20 meters south of the second pond. The third pond was the smallest of the three. A restaurant for embassy personnel was on the western bank of the middle pond. Two dispensaries, one post office, and buildings of the North Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs were on the western shore of the largest pond. A residence for ministry personnel was approximately 20 meters southwest of the smallest pond.
- 3. North Korean army troops attached to the guard battalion for foreign diplomats lived in a former Japanese chinaware plant at the extreme northern end of the

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valley. This detachment also manned anti-aircraft batteries on the neighboring hills. Two sentry boxes were 30 meters north of the largest pond; unauthorized travel south of these boxes was prohibited.

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